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In the Claims:

• Please cancel claims 5-7.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

21 1. (Amended) A microencapsulated and enteric coated composition comprising:

Sub E1 (a) a ~~microencapsulated and enteric-coated~~ mixture of sorbents with specific adsorption affinities for uremic toxins wherein the mixture of sorbents comprises oxystarch, locust bean gum, and activated charcoal; and

(b) a bacterial source which metabolizes urea and ammonia.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 remain in this application. Claims 5-7 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out